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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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TAGS: OVIP (GILBERT, JOHN

SUBJECT: PROPOSED US VISIT OF TRANSPORT MINISTER GILBERT,  
SEPTEMBER 7-23, 1976  
REF: LONDON 11338

1. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, IN ADDITION TO ORIGINAL  
INVITATION (COLEMAN TO GILBERT) SECRETARY COLEMAN WROTE TO  
DR. GILBERT JUNE 24 REMINDING HIM OF INVITATION AND ASSURING  
GILBERT THAT DOT WOULD PLAN AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS  
IF HE WERE TO VISIT U.S.

2. RE. AVAILABILITY OF COLEMAN AND BARNUM DURING PERIOD  
SEPT. 14-20, COLEMAN WILL BE OUT OF WASHINGTON SEPT. 14-15  
BUT IS AVAILABLE FOR POSSIBLE GILBERT MEETINGS DURING  
SEPT. 16-17. BARNUM CALENDAR GENERALLY FREE FOR PERIOD  
SEPT. 14-20 AND HE IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE GILBERT SHOULD HE  
ARRIVE WASHINGTON SEPT. 14-15 IN COLEMAN'S ABSENCE. EARLIEST  
NOTIFICATION OF GILBERT'S PLANS WILL BE HELPFUL.

3. DOT WORKING WITH BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHICH IN  
TURN HAS CONTACTED GILBERT'S OFFICE FOR DETAILS SUCH AS  
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EXACT DATES AND SPECIFIC TRANSIT INTERESTS. DOT PREPARED TO

ASSUME OVERALL PLANNING ROLE, (IN COORDINATION WITH BRITISH EMBASSY) FOR GILBERT VISIT. ASSUME PROPOSED ITINERARY CONVEYED IN LONDON 11338 REFLECTS FACT THAT GILBERT HAS

SPECIFIC INTERESTS AND PLANS FOR VISITS TO CITIES MENTIONED. AS DOT HAS TOLD BRITISH EMBASSY REP. JOHN MACDONALD (WHO WILL COORDINATE GILBERT VISIT), DOT PREPARED TO PROVIDE WHATEVER DEGREE OF PLANNING GILBERT WISHES, ESPECIALLY IF VISITS TO TRANSPORTATION SITES ARE INVOLVED IN PROPOSED ITINERARY. ALTHOUGH DOT HAS REQUESTED GUIDANCE FROM, AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH, BRITISH EMBASSY, ANY ADDITIONAL INFO SUCH AS GILBERT'S WISHES REGARDING LEVEL OF DOT INVOLVEMENT IN PRE-WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT; GILBERT'S SPECIAL INTERESTS AND TASTES; WHAT STAFF WILL ACCOMPANY; AND WHETHER WIVES INCLUDED), WHICH AMEMBASSY MAY OBTAIN WILL BE APPRECIATED.

4. DOT PROGRAM OFFICER IS MS. JEAN HERZ, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT. KISSINGER

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